



**WINCHESTER PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
EMBRACE THE CHILDREN  
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM  
2005 - 2006**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The Winchester Parks and Recreation Department offers a before and after school program for children in grades K-5 (ages 4 years, 11 months old to 11 years old) who attend any of the following Winchester Elementary Schools: Frederick Douglass, John Kerr, Quarles and Virginia Avenue Charlotte DeHart. Embrace the Children (ETC) begins on the first day of school and operates in conjunction with the Winchester Public Schools calendar throughout the school year. ETC is also available for a full day on school staff development days and designated holidays when school is closed. The program is supervised and is designed to be recreational, educational, safe, fun and less structured than the school day. Children can participate in various activities including organized group games, individual games, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, enrichment activities, supervised free play, homework and quiet time, movies, special occasion parties and more. An afternoon snack is provided to children daily and a morning and afternoon snack is provided on full days. The program is licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

**ENROLLMENT INFORMATION:**

All children must be enrolled before they will be allowed to attend. Any outstanding program fees must be paid in full in order to register. Enrollment forms are available at the Winchester Parks and Recreation Department, 1001 East Cork Street, Winchester, VA and also at each of the elementary schools. Enrollment is accepted at any time during the school year on a space-available basis. Once a child is enrolled, parents must notify their child's school of his/her participation in the program. All past participants must be re-enrolled each year. The following must be received before enrollment will be accepted: 1) ETC enrollment form, with ALL information filled out completely, 2) release of records form signed, 3) a proof of identity for any new participants, 4) \$5.00 non-refundable registration fee for each child.

**HOURS:**

Before School - 7:00 a.m. until the time school begins.

After School - School dismissal time until 6:00 p.m.

Full days - 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**DAILY FEES:**

\$ 5.00 - Before School (Mon. - Fri.)

\$16.00 - After School (Mon.)

\$12.00 - After School (Tues. - Fri.)

\$22.00 - Full Day

Fees are based on daily attendance. A discount is given to families with more than one child in the program. See Parent Handbook for details.

**SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS:**

**CLOSINGS, EARLY DISMISSALS:** Embrace the Children will not operate if schools are closed due to inclement weather. If schools dismiss early, ETC will operate from the time of dismissal, however, we do encourage parents to pick children up as early as possible.

**DELAYS:** If schools open on a one-hour delay, ETC will open on schedule (7:00 am). If schools then close, the program will not remain open and parents will be notified to pick up their children. If schools open on a two-hour delay, ETC will open at 9:00 am. The same procedure will follow if schools then close.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD,  
CALL 542-0153.**